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SUBJ: BDG INTEREST IN LANDSAT AGREEMENT WITH NASA

1. BDG JOINT SECRETARY OF PLANNING, EXTERNAL RESOURCES DIVISION, L. MAJID, INFORMED EMBOFF JANUARY 10 THAT BDG IS ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH NASA TO PERMIT BDG'S USE OF LANDSAT DATA RECEIVED BY A GROUND STATION BDG PLANS TO BUILD. BDG HAS BEEN DISCUSSING AN AGREEMENT WITH NASA THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND AFTER SOME DELAY ALL ELEMENTS OF BDG HAVE NOW APPROVED DRAFT PROPOSED BY NASA.

2. ON JANUARY 16 MAJID, ANWARUL ISLAM, DIRECTOR OF BANGLADESH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND ERTS/LANDSAT PROJECT AND AN EXPATRIATE CONSULTANT/EXPERT, MR. LEOPOLD, WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA WHICH THEY HOPE WILL LEAD TO SIGNING OF AGREEMENT.

3. MAJID SAID GROUND STATION FOR LANDSAT PROJECT WOULD BE BUILT WITH BILATERAL AID FUNDS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES; IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$10 MILLION OF WHICH AN ESTIMATED \$7 MILLION WOULD BE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. DISCUSSIONS ON FUNDING ARE NOW UNDERWAY WITH SAUDI ARABIA, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FRG.

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4. MAJID SAID BDG WAS "TAKEN BY SURPRISE" WHEN IT LEARNED THAT U.S. HAD SIGNED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH INDIA DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT VISIT TO NEW DELHI. BDG HOPED AGREEMENT WITH INDIA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUND STATION THERE WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PRECLUDE A SIMILAR LANDSAT PROJECT IN BANGLADESH.

BANGLADESH PREFERS TO HAVE ITS OWN GROUND STATION RATHER
THAN PARTICIPATING IN LANDSAT UNDER SOME KIND OF JOINT
ARRANGEMENT WITH INDIA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MAJID SAID BDG EMBASSY IS MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF HIS GROUP WITH
NASA. PLEASE CONFIRM TO NASA THAT GROUP IS COMING AND
CONVEY SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE.
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